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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8317

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OPS CTR PASS TO AMBASSADOR ASECIO (301) 593-1206

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TAGS: PINT, CO
SUBJ: ELECTION RESULTS: TURBAY AHEAD IN CLOSE CONTEST #1

1) WITH ALMOST A THIRD OF THE VOTES COUNTED IN COLOMBIA'S
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, LIBERAL CANDIDATE TURBAY HAD EDGED
AHEAD OF CONSERVATIVE BETANCUR.

2. OFFICIAL RETURNS AT 11 P.M. LOCAL TIME BASED ON ABOUT 1.3
MILLION VOTES COUNTED WERE: TURBAY - 631,000 AND BETANCUR -
609,000. OTHER CANDIDATES WERE DOING POORLY; THE VARIOUS LEFTIST
PARTIES' VOTES TOTALLED LESS THAN 40,000 AND GENERAL VALENCIA
TOVAR HAD POLLED AROUND 15,000. TURBAY HAD COME FROM BEHIND
SINCE EARLIER RETURNS, WHEN BETANCUR HAD LED BY 214,000 VOTES
TO 191,000 FOR TURBAY.

3. VOTING WAS PEACEFUL AND THE CROWDS GOOD HUMORED. THE
DAY'S TRANQUILITY WAS MARRED, AFTER THE POLLS CLOSED AT 4 P.M.,
BY THREE EXPLOSIONS IN BOGOTA, TWO IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND ONE IN THE CHAPINERO SHOPPING DISTRICT.
NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

4. VOTE COUNTING IS PROCEEDING SLOWER THAN WAS EXPECTED, OR AT
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LEAST THAN WAS PROMISED BY THE CENTRAL REGISTRAR. IF THE
RACE CONTINUES TO BE CLOSE, AS SEEMS LIKELY, A CLEAR WINNER
MAY NOT EMERGE UNTIL THE MORNING OF JUNE 5.
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